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SUBJECT: FINAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON COOPERATION
FOR DEVELOPMENT (THE GROUP OF 77)

1. THE GROUP OF 77 CONFERENCE ENDED ON SEPT. 22 AT 5:00 AM
AND THE "DECLARATION OF MEXICO CITY" IS EXPECTED TO BE RE-
LEASED MID-DAY TODAY. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY HAS FOUND OUT
ACTION ON TWO IMPORTANT INITIATIVES AND HAS RECEIVED PRE-
LIMINARY TEXT OF INTRODUCTION TO THE DECLARATION.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE GROUP OF
77 (MEXICAN PROPOSAL), IT APPEARS THAT THE ONLY RESULT WAS
AN AGREEMENT THAT THE NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE
GROUP OF 77 TO BE HELD IN 1977 WILL DECIDE ON THE FREQUENCY
OF ALL FUTURE GROUP OF 77 MEETINGS. ON THE PAKISTANI
PROPOSAL THE CONFERENCE AGREED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PROPOSAL
AND REFER IT TO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. IT
APPEARS TO THAT THE MEXICAN AND PAKISTANI PROPOSALS CAUSED
SUCH BITTER DEBATE IN THE FINAL SESSIONS THAT THE PRESS
WAS EXCLUDED UNTIL THE CLOSING CEREMONIES AT FIVE IN
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THE MORNING. INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA LED THE BATTLES AGAINST

BOTH PROPOSALS.

3. FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF INTRODUCTION TO THE FINAL REPORT ("DECLARATION OF MEXICO CITY"). IT APPEARS THIS INTRODUCTION IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE MORE "POLITICAL ISSUES" OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. BEGIN TEXT

PROPOSED TEXT OF INTRODUCTION TO PART ONE OF REPORT:

DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE (AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR REALIZING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER) IS AN IMPERATIVE OF HISTORY TO WHICH ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES. ITS BASIC PREMISE IS THE DETERMINATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP THEIR ECONOMIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN NEEDS AND PROBLEMS AND ON THE BASIS OF THEIR NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS AND EXPERIENCES. ITS MAIN VEHICLE IS THE FORSTERING OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES, AIMED AT REINFORCING THEIR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND THEIR COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC STRENGTH, IN FULFILLMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

2. COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE IS NOT A CALL TO RETURN TO OUT-MODED CONCEPTS OF AUTARCHY OR TO SELF-DESTRUCTIVE MUTUAL CONFRONTATION AMONG NATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS NOT REALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN PARTIES, UNEQUAL IN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND POWER, CAN RESULT IN EQUITABLE AND JUST RELATIONSHIPS. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL INTER-DEPENDENCE, MUST THEREFORE BE PREMISED ON THE COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. DESPITE THE ATTAINMENT OF POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE BY A LARGE NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SINCE WORLD WAR II, ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE AND VULNERABILITY, BEQUEATHED BY PAST COLONIAL BONDAGE AND PRESENT INEQUITABLE RELATIONSHIPS, STILL PERSISTS.

4. LIKEWISE, COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, RACISM, FOREIGN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION REMAIN IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE VAST MAJORITY OF MANKIND LIVING IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHARES IN BUT A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE WORLD'S TRADE, FINANCE, INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY, WHILE A MINORITY CONTROLS AND CONSUMES

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A DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF GLOBAL RESOURCES. THE PRESENT ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE CLASSICAL MODELS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH HAVE NOT ONLY FAILED TO REDRESS THIS IMBALANCE BUT HAVE ACCENTUATED THE GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR, WITHIN AS WELL AS AMONG NATIONS. THE CRISES OF POVERTY, MALNUTRITION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND ILLITERACY STILL AFFECT AN INCREASINGLY GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT, THE LEAST-DEVELOPED, THE LAND-LOCKED (X),

THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED AS WELL AS THE ISLAND AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTRIES. SUCH A SITUATION NOT ONLY CALLS INTO QUESTION THE VIABILITY OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ORDER, BUT INDEED POSES A REAL THREAT TO GLOBAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

5. THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHALL CONTINUE TO MOBILIZE THEIR RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF THEIR COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM, FOREIGN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION, RACISM, APARTHEID AND ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION AND EXPLOITATION, SO AS TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THESE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPMENT. THEY REITERATE THEIR UNSWERVING SUPPORT FOR THE HEROIC STRUGGLES OF THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, AZANIA AND PALESTINE TO ACHIEVE THEIR LIBERATION AND TO REGAIN EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO EXERCISE FULL PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR WELATH, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND THE RIGHT TO RESTITUTION AND FULL COMPENSATION FOR THE EXPLOITATION AND DEPLETION OF AND DAMAGES TO THE NATURAL AND ALL OTHER RESOURCES OF THE PEOPLES, COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES SUBJECTED TO THOSE PRACTICES.

(X) THE DELEGATION OF ZAIRE PROPOSED THE ADDITION OF "SEMI-LANDLOCKED".
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THEY SHALL CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THE PROVISION AND AUGMENTATION OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE O.A. U., AND ON THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE COMPENSATION TO THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND, WHOSE ECONOMIES ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE RACIST REGIMES IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND AZANIA.

6. DESPITE THESE OBSTACLES, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOW POSSESS, AMONG THEMSELVES, ALL THE HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THEIR SELF-RELIANT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THAT CAN RESTORE TO THEIR

PEOPLES A SENSE OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY. IT IS THIS REALISATION WHICH HAS MOTIVATED THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MAKE CONCERTED EFFORTS TO TRANSLATE THEIR INHERENT POTENTIAL INTO AN OBJECTIVE REALITY. IT IS THIS CONSCIOUSNESS WHICH HAS INSPIRED THEM TO INITIATE THE STRUGGLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IN THIS CONTEXT, IT WAS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THAT MAJOR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO SOME OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MITIGATE THEIR ECONOMIC DIFFI-
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CULTIES.

7. IN THE SHORT HISTORY OF THAT STRUGGLE, THE PASSAGE BY THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND BY THE 29TH SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, ARE IMPORTANT LANDMARKS. NEVERTHELESS, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES STILL REFUSE TO RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO THE JUST DEMANDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NOTABLY THEIR DEMANDS FOR DEBT RELIEF, INCREASED RESOURCE TRANSFERS FOR DEVELOPMENT-PARTICULARLY INCREASE IN THE RESOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS--PROTECTION OF THE PURCHASING POWER OF THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS AND IMPROVEMENT IN ACCESS TO MARKETS, CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY. AS LONG AS NO SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS ARE FOUND TO THESE PROBLEMS, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPEDED. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE DETERMINED, THEREFORE, TO CONCENTRATE THEIR UNIFIED EFFORTS ON THE ATTAINMENT OF THEIR OBJECTIVES IN THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA, IN PARTICULAR THE UNCTAD, GATT AND PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

8. AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE STRUGGLE TO ESTABLISH THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO FOCUSED THEIR POLITICAL WILL AND COMMON EFFORTS TO THE FASHIONING OF A

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES,

BASED ON COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE.

9. IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES THE DEVELOP-

ING COUNTRIES ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT
AMONG

THE VARIOUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY OF THE NEEDS OF THE
LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THEM. THEY ARE THEREFORE DETERMINED TO FOSTER
MEASURES AND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE DIFFERENT NEEDS
AND INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY AFFIRM THIS AS AN
IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE IN PROMOTING COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE AS WELL AS
IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

10. OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, A SERIES OF CONFERENCES, HELD IN THE
CONTEXT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS WELL AS THE GROUP OF 77, HAVE
SUCCEEDED IN IDENTIFYING, IN BROAD OUTLINE, A PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC
CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AT THE SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL

AND GLOBAL LEVELS, DIRECTED TOWARDS THE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF THEIR
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RESOURCES, POTENTIALS AND COMPLEMENTARITIES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
NEW CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THEMSELVES.

11. THE CONFERENCE WELCOMED THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON ECONOMIC
CO-OPERATION ADOPTED AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO AND
APPRECIATED THE UNDERSTANDING THAT OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
DESIROUS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH IT MAY PARTICIPATE AS APPROPRIATE AND
CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION.

12. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ALL THESE ENDEAVOURS, THE PRESENT
CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
CONSTITUTES A HISTORIC AND DECISIVE STEP FORWARD. THIS IS THE FIRST
TIME THAT THE COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE GROUP 77 MET
PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIBERATING UPON AND ADOPTING CONCRETE
ACTION-ORIENTED MEASURES AND OPERATIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, WITH
A VIEW TO CONSOLIDATING THEIR UNITY AND
SOLIDARITY AND STRENGTHENING THEIR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING POWER.

13. INSPIRED AND GUIDED BY THE RESULTS ATTAINED THROUGH THE
DEDICATED AND COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE
GROUP OF 77 AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES, THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77 SOLEMNLY DECLARE THEIR POLITICAL
COMMITMENT TO POOL THEIR EFFORTS IN A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY TO SECURE
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ADOPTED AT THE MANILA CONFERENCE AND THE
PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR ECONOMIC CO-
OPERATION ADOPTED AT THE COLOMBO SUMMIT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.
TO THIS END, THE CONFERENCE HEREWITH DECIDES:
-TO MARK 1976 AS THE YEAR OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND TO URGE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE GROUPS OF 77 TO
PURSUE THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE WITH VIGOUR
AND DETERMINATION.

-TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING:
MEASURES FOR ECONOMIC-CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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